

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Bethesda Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

Gloucestershire	Circuit	Circuit no.	07/07
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1188011

If not a registered charity His Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2021 No.55)

Minister:

Rev'd Rachel Leather

Church Stewards:

Bridget Nye	Keith Norman
Teresa Griffiths	Joanne Reed

Treasurer:

Brian Gibb

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	70,459		70,459	122,931
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	9,300		9,300	5,939
a4	Lettings	14,631		14,631	10,948
a5	Other receipts	10,197	53,772	63,969	181,518
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	104,587	53,772	158,359 (a7)	321,336

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	73,244		73,244	77,314
b3	Donations	1,088		1,088	170
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	62,982	9,197	72,179	4,335
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	15,549		15,549	13,383
b6					
b7	Other payments	7,796	53,636	61,432	45,649
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	160,659	62,833	223,492 (b9)	140,851

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	(56,072)	(9,061)	(65,133)	180,485
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	242,205	26,437	268,642 (c6)	88,157
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	186,133	17,376	203,509	268,642
c4	Transfers and adjustments	(4,644)	4,644		(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	181,489	22,020	203,509 (c8)	268,642 (c6)

SECTION D			
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	1,747	182
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,747	182
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)		

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Lunch Club	4,476	4,515	(39)		1,732	1,693
e2	Bethesda Singers					682	682
e3	Bethesplans					380	380
e4	Flower Fund	60	50	10		581	591
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	4,536	4,565	(29)		3,375 (e11)	3,346 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	158,359 (a7)	223,492 (b9)	(65,133)	(c7)	268,642 (c6)	203,509 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	162,895	228,057	(65,162)		272,017 (x)	206,855 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	753	1,165
f2	Bank Current Account	29,627	13,153
f3	Bank Deposit Account	36,226	25,380
f4	Central Finance Board	85,579	41,999
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	119,832	125,158
f6	Other funds	(3,375)	(3,346)
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	268,642 (c6)	203,509 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	3,375 (e11)	3,346 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	272,017 (x)	206,855 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,611,000	7,886,548
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church: Bethesda Methodist Church

No: 1188011

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer  Date 26/1/26

Name and address of treasurer Brian Gibb

21 Whitethorn Drive, Cheltenham GL52 5LL

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 13 October 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev'd Rachel Leather Date 26/1/26

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Bethesda Methodist Church

Charity Number 1188011

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bethesda Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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No: 1188011


Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner Caroline Sparrow

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner - N/A

Name of firm (where appropriate) - N/A

Address 128 Cheltenham Road

Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham Post Code GL52 8LZ

Date

Summary of cash and investments at 31 August 2025

CIRCUIT NUMBER :- 07/07

CIRCUIT NAME: Methodist Circuit of Gloucestershire

CHURCH NAME:

Bethesda

Treasurer
Name
Contact
number

Brian Gibb

e-mail : brianaagibb@gmail.com

07970 924126

Reserves Policy - Unrestricted funds needed
(Full reserves policy should be sent in with
Accounts forms.)

30,525

Available -
from total
below

21,660

Surplus /
(Shortfall)

(8,865.00)

Fund Name \ Where Held?	BALANCES AT CFB (£)	BALANCES AT TMCP (£)	OTHER INVESTMENTS (£)	CASH AT BANK (£)	TOTAL @ 31/08/2025	TOTAL @ 31/08/25				CHECK SUM - should be zero	Purpose of Fund / Restrictions on use? (please give as much information as possible)
						UNRESTRICTED	Designated	RESTRICTED	ENDOWMENTS		
Current accounts				13,153	13,153	8,488		4,665		-	Unrestricted - general. Creative Age
Deposit accounts				25,380	25,380	10,689	4,691	10,000		-	Unrestricted - general. Designated music co-ordinator. Restricted - Lay Workers.
Cash			1,165		1,165	1,165				-	General
CFB	41,899				41,899	1,318	33,408	7,275		-	Unrestricted - general. Designated Lay Workers, music co-ordinator
TMCP		125,158			125,158		125,158			-	Designated Lay Workers, sound system
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					-					-	
					-					-	
SUB - TOTAL -(Pink Rows only!)	41,999	125,158	1,165	38,533	206,855	21,660	163,255	21,940	-	-	

Notes:

- 1 If the church has made or received loans, these should be shown in Other Investments
- 2 Investment Properties (not used for charitable purposes) should be shown in Other Investments
- 3 All Circuit Treasurers are required to collate church information and complete the table above each year and submit it to the District Treasurer in compliance with The Methodist Conference directive.

- From P3 R & P Page-line f5 - box 'c8'
- 206,855 Difference